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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Nov-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 11/04/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/28/06
Broiler/fryer	165,703	165,120
Light hens	1,123	1,162
Heavy hens	1,643	1,476

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 28-Oct-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	156	5	161
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	36	3	39
Same week yr ago	307	0	307
To-date/2006	6,562	43	6,605
To-date/2005	11,227	60	11,287

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,147	1,609	2,756
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,104	1,535	2,639
Same week yr ago	1,709	1,485	3,194
To-date/2006	53,372	64,063	117,435
To-date/2005	73,533	61,155	134,688

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 28-Oct-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	164,244	991	1,604	2,595
Avg Wt	5.47	3.28	8.08	6.25
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	165,595	1,068	1,532	2,600
Same wk yr ago	164,585	1,402	1,485	2,887
Avg Wt	5.49	3.31	8.04	5.74
To-date/2006	6,958,505	46,810	64,020	110,830
To-date/2005	6,942,801	62,306	61,095	123,401

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.2 million head, or 2.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 28-Oct-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	42,249	84,038	21,580
Avg Weight	3.66	5.46	6.98
% of total /1	26%	51%	13%
Last week	40,896	86,979	18,971
Avg Weight	3.72	5.39	6.97
% of total /1	25%	53%	11%
Same week, yr ago /2	45,025	77,578	24,320
Avg Weight	3.81	5.40	6.89
% of total /1	27%	47%	15%
To date/2006	1,978,193	3,449,001	968,519
To date/2005	2,028,081	3,383,627	1,144,882

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 21-Oct-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,524	2,879	30	1	5,434
Avg Wt	17.04	35.78	25.35	63.16	27.02
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,033	2,730	30	6	4,799
Same wk yr ago	2,642	2,789	13	0	5,444
Avg Wt	16.46	35.21	24.69	0.00	26.09
To-date/2006	83,485	110,802	1,080	202	195,569
To-date/2005	77,337	111,482	1,009	186	190,014

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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